

## SPORTS

NATIONALS FACE CRACK SOUTHPAW VAUGHAN TO-DAY  
EIGHT AMATEUR LEAGUES IN ACTION THIS AFTERNOON

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JOHNSON TO TRY  
HIS LUCK TO-DAY  
AGAINST YANKERSHal Chase Goes Home; May  
Be Out of Game  
for Weeks.

## OTHER SPORT COMMENT

By WILLIAM FREY.

It will be Walter Johnson, the Kansas cyclone, in the box for the Nationals this afternoon in an effort to make it two victories in a row over the New York Yankees.

Against Johnson will probably be Jim Vaughan, the big Texas southpaw, who handed the world's champions a bad beating in New York last week. The Nationals have had particularly strong against left-hand pitching during the exhibition games this spring, and it will be interesting to note what sort of a showing they make this afternoon. With Johnson on the mound, however, one or two runs should be enough to win, provided Johnson is accorded proper support.

Jack Ryan, the veteran catcher, who has been coaching the University of Virginia collegians in Charlottesville, returned to the Capital last night and will not with the Nationals' young pitchers this morning.

Ryan has been engaged by Griff to handle the youngsters, and it is expected that he will be of considerable service.

The majority of major league clubs have a veteran catcher on their staff for just this purpose, and Washington is right in line. He can also do some scouting for Griffith later in the season.

Since Ryan has been in charge of the Virginia collegians the boys have won the majority of their games, which is a fair tribute to the veteran's ability as a coach.

Manager Griffith is delighted with the showing of Bob Groom, who has yet to lose a game in the American League this season.

Groom was the last of the local twirlers to round into shape. He took his time about it, and worked slowly, with the result that he is right now in better condition than at the start of any previous season since he has been playing professional ball.

Gabby Street, Washington's old favorite, now a member of the New York Highlanders, where he was sent in exchange for Jack Knight, says that Griff has a mighty good looking ball club under his wing. Street has been in poor shape himself, but states that he will soon be on the job, and looks for a prosperous season.

The New York Highlanders took a trip to Baltimore yesterday, and were beaten by Jack Dunn's Orioles, 7 to 2. Big George McConnell was in the box and was hit hard.

Says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: "Old man of the sea has surely quit riding Clark Griff. Not only has Johnson rounded to form, but the many interstices in his rickety front have been handily chinked up by such finds as Foster, Mueller, and Morgan. The three newcomers Wednesday contributed six out of the eight hits made by the club. And they have been contributing regularly."

Unless the summer sun takes some of the glare away from the spring brilliance of our crop of baseball marvels, 1912 will prove a record season in the development of Cobbs, Mathewsons, and Wallaces.

To the present time nearly twenty-five new men have blossomed sufficiently to catch the eye of the fan-critic, some of them being seemingly cast in molds of greatness.

Probably on single season in the American League's history has been so productive of new talent, the sort that newsmen to mullure up to big league standards.

Have a look at some of the new talent, now making good:

Washington—Mueller, Foster, Brown, Pratt, Baumgardner, C. Brown, E. Brown, and Morgan.

Boston—Rath, Weaver, Mattick, C. Brown, Cleveland, Butler, Ryan, Stern, O'Neil.

Detroit—Vitt, Louden, Dubois.

Boston—O'Brien and Hagerman.

New York—Dolan, Coleman, and Zito.

Athletics—What does Connie Mack want with new men?

Most of these are appearing regularly in the batting order of the teams named, except where they happen to be pitchers. Some of them will doubtless thrive, when the real test comes later. But the crop is at least large and the chances are that a few great ones will survive.

More hard luck follows the New York Yankees. Riddle, Crook, Harry, Walter, and Roy Hartwell are out of the line-up, and now Hal Chase, the greatest first baseman in the world, is lost to the Highland clan for possibly two weeks.

Chase was sent to his home in New York yesterday, leaving the Capital on a late train. He has been ordered to put himself under a physician and take a complete rest.

The Fearless Hal contracted a cold in Philadelphia Thursday, and although he played five Friday he was so ill Saturday that he was forced to keep to his room. A high fever set in and Manager Wolverton decided that it would be best to have his star go home to New York. Chase will not join the Yankees in Philadelphia unless his recovery is rapid.

It is claimed that the first macker is in bad shape mentally, as the constant losing streak has gotten on his nerves and that a breakdown under the strain has been predicted for several days.

The Nationals have only faced one left-hander in the league games this season—young Koff, who worked part of Saturday's game, and they could do very little against him, so there may be a chance for the stout-to-placed Yankee pulling out on top, although Griff's club is traveling at a rapid pace right now. The players are in fine condition, and "per" and confidence seem to be everybody's middle name.

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## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Chicago, 9; Detroit, 5.

St. Louis-Cleveland-Bain.

GAMES TO-DAY.

New York at Washington.

Philadelphia at Boston.

Cleveland at St. Louis.

Chicago at Detroit.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

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